

Child Restraint Regulatory Developments in the United States



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Current Requirements in the United States

- Children under 2 years old:
 - may be lap held
 - may use an approved child restraint system
 - operator must allow use of approved child restraint if a ticket is held for a separate passenger seat



Regulatory History

- 1992: Miscellaneous Operational Final Rule Amendments
- 1996: Final rule regarding booster seats and vest- and harness-type child restraints
- 1998: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking



Comments Received in Response to ANPRM

- Received approximately 150 comments
 - mandatory use of Child Restraints
 - Child Restraint that works well in both aviation and automotive environments
 - Fit of Child Restraints in airplane seats



Comments (cont'd)

- FMVSS-213 standards vs. separate, aviation-specific, standards
- Parents vs. airlines providing Child Restraints
- Changing anchor point locations for aircraft passenger seat belts



Next Steps

- Improving the safety of children in aircraft
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with specific regulatory proposals

